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Colbert, Washington 99005

RE: Colbert Landfill and Effects of Chemicals on People

Dear (b) (6)

Enclosed is the information I have been able to locate pertaining to our conversation of September 8, 1989 at the Colbert Landfill. This packet of "Toxic Substances Fact Sheets" was produced by a group of people within the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, now called the State Department of Health. It covers three of the six chemicals found at Colbert. I will continue to try to find readable information on the other chemicals (methylene chloride, tetrachloroethylene, and 1,1-dichloroethane). Much of the available material is very hard to understand and interpret, so I did not include it. I have also included a fact sheet on "Risk Assessment" which might also be of benefit to you. A couple abbreviations which you might need to know are as follows:

milligrams per liter = mg/l = parts per million
micrograms per liter = ug/l = parts per billion

Please take a look at the information, and give me a call if you have any questions or would like to discuss the material. I can be reached at (206)438-3043 or toll free at 1-800-458-0920. The toll free line is a message machine, so you can leave your name, number, and the best time to call you back. If you do not here from me in a few weeks regarding the other three chemicals, please give me a call to jog my memory.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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